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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND: RESPONSE TO DEMARCHE ON ZIMBABWE VOTE
IN IMF

REF: STATE 158016

Classified by: Acting DCM Katherine B. Hadda. Reasons: 1.4
(b) and (d).

- [1](#)1. (U) This is an action request -- please see Paragraph 3.
- [1](#)2. (U) Post on August 29 delivered reftel demarche to the New Zealand Agency for International Development, which handles issues related to the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
- [1](#)3. (C) On September 2, a representative of New Zealand's Treasury noted Zimbabwe's decision to pay back US \$120 million of the US \$290 million it owes the Fund. The representative asked whether the U.S. government would now consider Zimbabwe to be in compliance with its IMF obligations, or whether the United States still believes Zimbabwe should be expelled from the Fund. Post seeks Department guidance on how it should respond to these questions. Post also notes that the Treasury representative is due to deliver a recommendation on the issue to New Zealand's Finance Minister on September 5 and that a response by COB September 2 (Washington) would be very helpful.
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